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Seven Local Students Receive Scholarships

SAN FERNANDO, CA – The City of San Fernando is proud to announce seven recipients of the 2022 annual scholarship contest, which provided \$5,000 in scholarship awards this year. Through the Education Commission, the City of San Fernando supports the educational needs of families in the City with the goal of increasing student achievement towards higher education.

Gerry's Kids (\$1,250)

Franco Gael de Santiago Acero, Vaughn International Studies Academy (VISA)

The Gerry's Kids Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Geraldine "Gerry" Hou. "Gerry" Hou was a young adult librarian for over 20 years with the LA Public Library and encouraged countless young people of color in the neighborhoods of Exposition Park, Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills, and Wilmington/Harbor City to pursue college education and a lifelong passion of learning.

Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship (\$1,000)

Jahnesa Orozco-Garcia, Vaughn International Studies Academy (VISA)

The Cesar Chavez Scholarship was established to offer an annual scholarship to seniors who live in the City of San Fernando.

Nursing and Healthcare Scholarship (\$1,000)

Cecilia Delgadillo, UCLA School of Nursing

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The Nursing and Healthcare Scholarship was established to inspire young members of our community who have chosen to enter the healthcare profession.

Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Melissa Alvarez, Cesar Chavez Learning Academy - Social Justice Humanitas Academy

The Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Elias Rodriguez, an Academy for Scientific Exploration student, who lost his life during the heavy rains of February 2017.

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship (\$450/Each)

Josselyn Ramirez Rodriguez, Cesar Chavez Learning Academy - Social Justice Humanitas Academy

Yesenia Cardona, Cesar Chavez Learning Academy - Social Justice Humanitas Academy

The Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of the eight-year-old Palmdale boy whose life was taken tragically in 2013.

Unheard Voices Scholarship (\$250)

Stephanie Gonzalez, Cesar Chavez Learning Academy - ArTES Magnet

The Unheard Voices Scholarship is awarded to a student that recognizes the importance of including the perspectives of underrepresented groups.

Since 2016, the City of San Fernando has been offering a Student Scholarship Program to assist local students with attaining their postsecondary educational goals. To date, this program has made a difference in more than 75 students' lives and is only made possible through generous donations from various benefactors, businesses and community organizations.

For more information on each of the current scholarship programs and how to donate to the San Fernando Student Scholarship Program, please contact the City of San Fernando Education Commission at (818) 898-1290 or email educom@sfcity.org. The impact of investing in our future leaders through a scholarship gift will last a lifetime.

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